

## CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket record. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ATTACHED)

**I. (a) PLAINTIFF(S)****DEFENDANT(S)**

**(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF**  
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 (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

**COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT**  
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 (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED

**(c) ATTORNEYS** (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS)

**ATTORNEYS** (IF KNOWN)

**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION**

(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 1 U.S. GOVERNMENT PLAINTIFF | 3 FEDERAL QUESTION (U.S. GOVERNMENT NOT A PARTY)          |
| 2 U.S. GOVERNMENT DEFENDANT | 4 DIVERSITY (INDICATE CITIZENSHIP OF PARTIES IN ITEM III) |

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES**

(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT)  
 (FOR DIVERSITY CASES ONLY)

- | PLF | DEF                                       | PLF | DEF   |
|-----|---|-----|---|
| 1   | 1 CITIZEN OF THIS STATE                   | 4   | 4 INCORPORATED OR PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THIS STATE     |
| 2   | 2 CITIZEN OF ANOTHER STATE                | 5   | 5 INCORPORATED AND PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN ANOTHER STATE |
| 3   | 3 CITIZEN OR SUBJECT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY | 6   | 6 FOREIGN NATION  |

**IV. ORIGIN** (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

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|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1 ORIGINAL PROCEEDING                    | 2 REMOVED FROM STATE COURT | 3 REMANDED FROM APPELLATE COURT | 4 REINSTATED OR REOPENED | 5 TRANSFERRED FROM ANOTHER DISTRICT (Specify District) | 6 MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION - TRANSFER | 7 APPEAL TO DISTRICT JUDGE FROM MAGISTRATE JUDGE JUDGMENT |
| 8 MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION - DIRECT FILE |                            |                                 |                          |  |                                       |   |

**V. CAUSE OF ACTION**

(CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE - DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY)

**(IF COMPLEX, CHECK REASON BELOW)**

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| 1. Unusually large number of parties.            | 6. Problems locating or preserving evidence                  |
| 2. Unusually large number of claims or defenses. | 7. Pending parallel investigations or actions by government. |
| 3. Factual issues are exceptionally complex      | 8. Multiple use of experts.                                  |
| 4. Greater than normal volume of evidence.       | 9. Need for discovery outside United States boundaries.      |
| 5. Extended discovery period is needed.          | 10. Existence of highly technical issues and proof.          |

**CONTINUED ON REVERSE****FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

RECEIPT # _____	AMOUNT \$ _____	APPLYING IFP _____	MAG. JUDGE (IFP) _____
JUDGE _____	MAG. JUDGE _____ (Referral)	NATURE OF SUIT _____	CAUSE OF ACTION _____

DATE \_\_\_\_\_